



St. Clare Parish

Jan. 28, 2024

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Church

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9am - 12:30pm & 2 - 4pm

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Director	Nancy Melzer
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Sacraments - Please visit www.saintclarechurch.org for more information on sacramental preparation.

Weekend & Daily Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5pm

Sunday - 8:30am & 10:45am

Weekdays except Tuesdays - 8:30am

Holy Days - 8:30am, 12pm & 7pm

Visit www.saintclarechurch.org to view our livestream weekend Masses.

Reconciliation Saturdays from 4pm - 4:30pm in the church or by appointment. Contact Fr. Don Gutmann.

Matrimony Six month preparation required. Contact Deacon Bill McNamara.

Baptism for Infants Contact Deacon Bill McNamara.

Faith Formation & Sacramental Preparation for Adults & Teens

Contact Kim Zea; **for Children** Contact sacramentprep@saintclarechurch.org

A Warm Welcome To All Who Worship with Us

Whether you are a current parishioner and need to update your information or newly arrived in the parish and not yet registered, please complete the form below and place in the offertory basket or mail to the parish office.

Name: _____ Phone: () _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> New Parishioner | <input type="checkbox"/> Returning Catholic | <input type="checkbox"/> Moving (please remove from parish directory) |
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Weekly Inspiration

4th Sunday in Ordinary time

Jan. 28, 2024

With one swift command, Jesus freed a man from the possession of evil spirits. He has that same power to banish the shadow of sin from our own lives. Let's invite him into our hearts, asking him to cleanse the darkness he finds there. ©LPi

Week-at-a-Glance

Saturday, Jan. 27

4:00pm Confessions until 4:30pm Church
5:00pm Vigil Mass *Donna MacNeur* Church

Sunday, Jan. 28

8:30am Mass *For the People* Church
10:45am Mass *Nancy Melzer* Church
12:00pm School Open House (ends at 2pm) School

Monday, Jan. 29

8:30am Daily Mass *+Mack McLaughlin* Church

Wednesday, Jan. 31

8:30am Daily Mass *+Bruce Doane* Church

Thursday, Feb. 1

8:30am Daily Mass Church

Friday, Feb. 2

8:30am Daily Mass Church

Saturday, Feb. 3

9:30am Sisters in the Spirit Gathering Parish Office
2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration Church
4:00pm Confessions until 4:30pm Church
5:00pm Vigil Mass *+Mack McLaughlin* Church

Sunday, Feb. 4

8:30am Family Mass *+Judy Alyce Mirassou* Church
10:45am Mass *For the People* Church
K of C Pancake Breakfast after both Masses Parish Hall

Fr. Don's Musings . . .

This weekend is the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. Our Catholic schools are one of many neat things about our Catholic Church.

Here are some numbers on Catholic schools in our diocese:

Number of schools: 51

Number of students: 15,235

Number of staff: 141

Our school here at St. Clare is as old as the parish, 110 years. Currently, we have 230 students in the K-8 school and 75 in the preschool/daycare. Our preschool/daycare has five classrooms ranging from infants to PreK. Our K-8 school has one class for each grade plus Art, P.E., Music, Library, Drama and Spanish. Of course, our Catholic faith is incorporated into all the classes. Our teachers promote strong Christian values and our behavior expectations are very high. I personally visit every homeroom classroom every day and I'm proud of the way our teachers teach and our students learn. Mr. Chris Harris is our school principal and Mrs. Nancy Melzer is our preschool Director, both of them are exceptional leaders. Thank you to all the parents who sacrifice to send their children to our school. We have lots of strong and loving families in our school community.

I'm real proud of our St. Clare School and Preschool. Please come over and visit the school at our Open House this Sunday from 12-2pm. You can tour the school, meet the teachers and see what a great school we have here at St. Clare.

On a whole different topic: I'm leaving on vacation Monday. I'll be in Hawaii with college friends for nine days. I haven't had a nine day vacation since pre-Covid days. I'm looking forward to it! Frs. Jim Galluzzo and Pat McNamee have graciously offered to help out while I am away, and the church staff is here to answer any of your questions.

Let's keep praying for one another. ~ Fr. Don

Many thanks to all who contributed!

Offertory Report

	Actual Offertory	Average Offertory Goal	Amount Over (Under) Goal
W/E 1.21.24	\$11,603	\$10,779	\$824
W/E 1.14.24	\$5,243	\$10,779	(\$5,536)
Total Jan. (1-21)	\$26,816	\$32,337	(\$5,521)
Fiscal Year 23/24	\$348,966	\$323,370	\$25,596

***FY 23/24 Offertory Goal: \$10,779 per week to fund the current programs, personnel and facilities of the church.**

Reminder: Interested in Online Giving? Please visit www.saintclarechurch.org. Thank you!

Scripture Readings

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Feb. 4, 2024

Reading 1 - JB 7:1-4, 6-7

Psalms - PS 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Reading 2 - 1 COR 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel - MK 1:29-39

For daily readings, please visit www.usccb.org

Signs of the Times by Deacon Bill . . . The Bible

I hope this bulletin finds everyone back to a somewhat normal life after our week of extremely harsh weather. Talking with Fr. Don, I related to him that after living all of my 68 years (except the 4 years in the military) in NY; I have never experienced a week of weather like what we just underwent. I have dealt numerous times with snow falls up to two feet requiring lots of shoveling, but no major ice, power outages, or falling trees. During this housebound time, I was discerning what to write about in this humble column for the bulletin every week. Last year if you recall, I focused on the saints appearing on the Church's calendar. What has been coming at me (I hope from the Holy Spirit) is to take on the books of the Bible.

Now for the record, I am no Bible scholar and do not claim to be one. I attended 12 years of Catholic schooling in Brooklyn, NY including grade school at St. Brendan's with the Sisters of St. Joseph and Xaverian High School which at the time was boys only taught by the Xaverian brothers. My junior year religion class was the only time that we focused on the New Testament of the Bible. In those days before Vatican II, a great council of the Church from 1962 -1965 which opened the laity to better participation in the Church, no one was encouraged to read the bible except the clergy and theologians. I'm sure a lot of you remember those days. In formation for the Deaconate, we had a course on the Old Testament and a few courses on the New Testament. At my parish, Sacred Heart of Jesus in Bayside, my wife, Alice, and I led many Bible study sessions using the Little Rock Bible Series. I have been actively reading the Liturgy of the Hours, the daily prayer of the Church, since I was ordained a Deacon in 2007. So you can see from my credentials that I personally still have a lot to learn about the Bible.

There are two great bible study applications available online, *Hallow* and *The Ascension App*, which offer a podcast called, *the Bible in a Year*, by Fr. Mike Schmitz. These apps also include numerous podcasts which Fr. Mike started in 2021. Each podcast is also available on *You Tube* and runs for about 20-30 minutes. I know within your hectic lives you may not have the time to take on all of the 365 plus episodes. I am hoping to view some of them along with the introduction to each of the 73 individual books of the Bible. Then God willing with the help of the Holy Spirit, I will put together a 4-5 minute read in the bulletin every week. Some books will require less summary and others more, but I hope this endeavor will be completed within the 48 remaining weeks in this year.

Again this is not an intense look at the bible, but just a quick overview. I hope you will join me in this adventure and pray that the Holy Spirit guides me in words that will enlighten and inspire you to appreciate God's salvation story presented in these great books.



~ Deacon Bill

Community Life



Save the Dates!

2024 St. Clare Campout

July 17 - 21

Registration Opens Monday, Jan. 29 at 7am

Experts say that making summer plans now helps keep winter gloom at bay! The St. Clare Campout is returning to Fort Stevens State Park in Astoria this summer. Come join other St. Clare families for this beloved parish tradition.

To register, click the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeECWlszPVk-gXbw5eyCazL5wHyamLkbQS6lBYAA1QfGickFg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Note: The campout registration link may also be found in Quick Links on the homepage of the parish website, www.saintclarechurch.org.

Questions? Contact Jessica Leahy or Christina Reilly at st.clarecampout@saintclarechurch.org

St. Clare Women's Ministry

Sisters in the Spirit

Next Gathering: Saturday, Feb. 3
9:30-11am Downstairs at the Parish Office

All women of the parish are invited to join us for connection, spiritual joy and refreshments!

Questions? Contact Joanie at joanieq143@gmail.com.

Greetings St. Clare Skiing and Snowboarding Enthusiasts!



On all four Sundays in February, a luxury coach will depart from the St. Clare parking lot at 6:30am to take any and all adults and children who wish to go skiing or snowboarding at Mt. Hood Meadows. Ride without the hassle of driving on icy roads and parking in the crowded lots. The bus will unload right in front of the lodge. The bus program may also be used to purchase lessons, lift tickets and equipment rentals.

For all the details, contact bus host Zac Hanks at 503.313.4757 or budosensei@hotmail.com.

You can also register directly by going to: <https://www.skihood.com/store/1548960/> (This code is specifically for the St. Clare ski bus.)



Eucharistic Adoration
Saturday, Feb. 3, 2 -4pm
Come and spend a few minutes with the Lord in prayer.
Benediction begins at 3:45pm.

Outreach



Pancake Breakfast!

Sunday, Feb. 4
9:30am-1pm Parish Hall

Come and enjoy a delicious breakfast served up after both Masses by the John Clare Council of the Knights of Columbus.



Plain & Blueberry Pancakes
Sausage & Eggs
Fruit & Applesauce
Choice of Milk, Chocolate Milk,
Orange Juice, Coffee or Tea

Donations will be accepted to support the Knight's outreach programs.

Questions? Contact Don Mey at dmey1951@gmail.com or 434.429.9881.



Red Cross Blood Drive

Many thanks to all who donated at our December blood drive. 33 units were collected which exceeded our goal!

Please mark your calendars for our next drive on Thursday, Mar. 14.



The St. Clare Conference Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Food Pantry Needs

- Hot & Cold Cereals
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruits especially Peaches
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Paper Towels

Donations may be placed in the food baskets at the church or on the front porch of the parish office.

Please check dates to ensure foods have not expired.



Lenten Season 2024

Calendar of Events

Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14

Mass Schedule - 8:30am, 12 & 7pm

Friday Evenings

Feb. 16, 23, Mar. 1, 8, 15 & 22

Soup Suppers 6pm Parish Hall

Stations of the Cross 6:30pm Church

Wednesday Mornings starting Feb. 14

Lenten Study Group 9-10:30am

Downstairs in the Parish Office

Parish Lenten Penance Service

Friday, Mar. 22 6:30pm Church

following the 6pm Soup Supper



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